PRESIDENT.

There are a number of petitions from Sub-Inspectors—all of them running on the same lines. I may ask for information whether there was any Inspector or Sub-Inspector who sent up complaints.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I want information. It is difficult for them to move in this matter. They have got disciplinary rules.

PRESIDENT.

But they may put in written representations.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I know, Sir, it is difficult for them to ventilate their grievances.

PRESIDENT.

The Government have sanctioned the formation of the Police Officers' Union, I suppose? The Police Commissioner is making rules so that, whatever grievances they may have, may be remedied by representation to the Government.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I think it would be better, if the Government will accept the resolution on principle. It would give them some satisfaction that the Government is really going into the matter. Of course, it need not be brought into effect at once. Of course, it will take some time, at least, six months. Let them only accept the principle.

Mr. SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

That is what the Police Commissioner has been all along saying.

Mr. M. KRISHNA MENON.

Do they deserve it?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I don't wish to press the resolution to a division in the face of the assurance that the Government will consider the matter sympathetically.

The motion for the withdrawal of Salem's resolution was put to votes and carried.

President's Concluding Speech.

PRESIDENT.

Members of the House, it is now time to bring the present sitting of this legislative session to a close, and in doing so, I do not wish to detain the Council with any lengthy remarks. I thought we might keep on till the usual time of 5 p. m., but

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seeing that the House is getting thinner and thinner, I consider it advisable to close the proceedings now. Except in the matter of resolutions, we have been, I note, able to get through our programme of work. The three non-official Bills tabled for this sitting, viz., Mr. Salem's Cochin Old Age and Widows' Relief Bill, Mr. Ikkanda Wariar's Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill and Mr. Kunjunni Raja's Nambudri Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill had to be adjourned, as the members concerned stated that they would move the introduction of the Bills at the next sitting. Coming to the resolutions, there were in all 24 resolutions tabled for this sitting, of which we have succeeded in getting through only 9. Having regard to the fact that we take up the consideration of the resolutions last in the order of business and also to the circumstance that a few resolutions, notably the one relating to the introduction of free compulsory primary education amongst certain communities in the State and that relating to the establishment of a Government Ayurvedic Hospital, were discussed at some length with an amount of learning which, in my opinion, does great credit to this House. I am not at all disappointed that the volume of our work in this direction is not more. It has always appeared to me that whatever relevant matters have to be mentioned in connection with the debate on subjects under discussion must be fully said, and I think the time spent for such a purpose should not be considered as illspent. I ask, what is our time for, unless it be for employing it in *useful* deliberation and discussion. It is my sincere view that we have economised our time as far as possible and spent it to the best advantage. I wish to say that whatever business remains undone will be carried over to the next sitting, and, as I have already intimated to you, there will be a sitting in Kumbham, and with that the present session will be brought to a close. In regard to the date of the next sitting, I may make an announcement at once. The next sitting is to be for five days commencing on Monday, the 25th of Kumbham, and closing on Friday, the 29th of the same month. I hope the time fixed by me will be found convenient to the members. In bringing this sitting to a close, let me express my great pleasure in having moved with you these five days. I look forward with equal pleasure to our meeting again shortly.

The sitting was adjourned at 4. p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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